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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TRIP TO DAMASCUS

REF: USUN 2219

1. ISRAELI MISSION TELLS US THAT AMBASSADOR HERZOG THIS MORNING INFORMED SYG THAT ISRAEL STRONGLY OPPOSES HIS VISIT-ING MIDDLE EAST PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF UNDOF MANDATE. HERZOG SAID A VISIT TO JERUSALEM WAS OUT OF QUESTION. HE ADDED THAT IF WALDHEIM WENT, HE SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES AGREE TO ANYTHING BUT A SIMPLE, TECHNICAL EXTENSION OF UNDOF FOR SIX MONTHS.

2. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY ANSWERED THAT HE WAS DISTRESSED TO HEAR ISRAEL'S VIEWS SINCE HE HAD DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT HE MUST GO TO DAMASCUS.

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HE ASSURED HERZOG THAT HE WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY
NEGOTIATIONS, AND INDEED WOULD NOT HAVE TIME SINCE HE
PLANNED TO LEAVE TUESDAY, MAY 25 AND RETURN ON THURSDAY.
(SYG IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 30, FOR
HABITAT CONFERENCE.)

3. HERZOG TOLD WALDHEIM THAT HE WOULD BE CONVEYING
AN ORAL REPLY TO SYG'S APRIL 1 INITIATIVE ON MAY 24.
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